

**Illinois Cybersecurity Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes 4/10/2023**  
**Approved by Commission on 5/10/23**

**ATTENDEES**

**Commission voting members in attendance included:**

Dula, Kristi, Deputy Director, Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Technology, Designee for Illinois

Ford, Adam, Illinois Chief Information Security Officer

Harmening, James, Director of Cybersecurity and Risk Management, Designee for Illinois Commerce Commission

Jir, Ahmed, Chief Information Security Officer, Designee for the Illinois Attorney General

Kelly, Brendan (Matthew Davis), Director of the Illinois State Police

March, Jennifer, Designee for Illinois Emergency Management Agency

Neely, Maj Gen. Richard, Adjutant General of the State of Illinois, and Commander of the Illinois National Guard

Richards, Kevin, Designee for the Illinois Department of Revenue

Tate-Nadeau, Alicia, Governors Homeland Security Advisor delegated Jason Sanford as Chair Pro-Tem for the Illinois Cybersecurity Commission in her absence.

**Non-Voting Members in Attendance**

Dantico, Jason

Gerard, Dan

Holland, Mike

Johnson, Chris

Lonbom, Kirk

Paradise, Michael

**Call to order**

Roll Call

Jason Sanford called the meeting to order (1004) Kirk Lonborn second

Agenda posted

Jason Sanford opened meeting for public comments

**Approve Meeting Minutes for 3/13/2023** Motion to approve minutes (Adam Ford) Jim Harmening second.

Commission discussed meeting the May 17 deadline for draft reports presentation to commission.

Future meetings may be in person. Remote options are available if unable to meet in person. Voting and non-voting members are required online training. Legal has asked for compliance with training on Ethics Act, Open meetings, harassment, security awareness, and DEI.

**Calendar** – Jason Sanford led discussion on important dates of the calendar

**Vote on Advisory Members**

BG Mark Alessia, Illinois National Guard

Col Shawn Strahle, Illinois National Guard

MG Neely stated both members have been supporting the effort in the way forward. Jim stated they both have been invaluable so far. Jim nominated and Kelly seconded. Unanimous vote. Approved

**Statement Read for Director Tate-Nadeau-** In my absence, I am delegating Jason Sanford as Chair Pro-Tem for the Illinois Cybersecurity Commission, Jason Sanford will serve on my behalf, handling all the requirements and with the same duties of Chair of the Commission for the April 10th meeting.

**Public Comments** - Jason Sanford asked for any public comments, none given.

**Working Groups** –Jason Sanford discussed the importance of meeting timelines and due outs for the recommendations from the working groups. Updated status of each working group are summarized below:

*Awareness and Training* – Bill Bowers, Kristi Dula, Dominic Saebeler – The group has meeting scheduled on Apr 17 & 20 for developing draft recommendations the of working group. Thrust of conversation has been to make better recommendations and appropriate audience for discussions. Director Kelly asked to discuss awareness and a funded effort on how the population can protect themselves from the effect of cyber threats on the economy. Is interested in a messaging or public information campaign. Building an enhancing critical infrastructure to prevent cyber-attacks and improving tech capabilities in the private sector workplace.

ISP Director Kelly recommends Dept of Aging or VA as initial messaging to better protect the older and more vulnerable population. Adam Ford mentioned the LA county 311 phone line. Illinois needs a messaging that gives employees awareness and training to protect the private sector business – a holistic message. Smoky the Bear, this is your brain on drugs etc. Possibly use AARP magazine to increase awareness. Krista Dula agreed this is doable for her working group, it would broaden her scope, but will discuss with her working group members.

*Minimizing Adverse Impact* – Kristi Dula, Kirk Lonbom, Mike Paradise – have not met yet. Have socialized and outline of topics. Advised group that it could bleed into other groups. May want to have each team

produce an outline of topics to prevent duplication of effort and deconfliction. Dir. Jir & Adam Ford agreed. However – there will be some overlapping content.

*Exercises and Partnerships* – Jason Dantico, Dan Gerard, MG Neely - MG Neely stated goal is to codify our exercises. Believes we currently have a stovepipe approach with exercises. This working group will make sure our exercises complement each other. Likewise, they will build partnerships and additional collaboration that go along with those exercises. Working group has a draft document that is being socialized. Adam Ford recommends avoiding creating exercises that aren't so catastrophic that at the end it makes response impossible.

*Best Practices and Metrics* - Jason Dantico – Director Jir – group met last Wed and will meet every Wed moving forward. Developing best practices and metrics for private sector to use before an incident happens and after an incident happens.

*Information Exchange* – Tony Collings, - Adam Ford – Haven't met yet. May overlap a little with metrics. Believes we aren't measuring the problem well today. Will discuss mandatory reporting pieces. Where does it fit in the US and where does it become regulatory. How do we navigate lines of regulatory resistance? Awareness piece on who & where to report a cybercrime. Local partners- knowing how to echo reporting up the chain of reporting. Will include ISAC reporting.

Dan Gerard discussed the need for a framework of what a successful exercise looks like. Jir thinks it could fit in the best practice and metrics.

#### **New Business –**

Jim – Exercise Addendum – discussed with MG Neely. Show exercises participated in & what happened. Would like to not have exercise be stand-alone, but rather complementary to future exercises.

MG Neely – layer exercises in a more generic format and focus but a particular theme.

Adjournment – Jim Harmening motion, MG Neely second (1056)